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SUBJECT: PUBLIC OPINION POLL: AUSTRALIANS EVENLY DIVIDED ON
DEFENDING THAILAND

1. MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE MORGAN GALLUP POLL IN AUSTRALIA
HAS GIVEN CONGEN, ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, THE RESULTS OF A
PUBLIC OPINION POLL CONDUCTED BY THEM AT THE END OF MARCH
CONCERNING THE DEFENCE OF THAILAND.

2. QUESTION PUT TO MORE THAN 2,000 PEOPLE THROUGHOUT
AUSTRALIA WAS: "IF FORCES FROM VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA ENTER
THAILAND, AND AMERICA SENDS FORCES TO KEEP THEM OUT; IN
YOUR OPINION, SHOULD AUSTRALIA SEND FORCES TO THAILAND TO
HELP THE AMERICANS, OR NOT?" 46 PERCENT SAID "DON'T SEND
FORCES, 44 PERCENT SAID "SEND THEM" AND 10 PERCENT WERE
UNDECIDED. AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY (ALP) VOTERS
AND LIBERAL-COUNTRY PARTY (L-CP) VOTERS, AS GROUPS, HOLD OPPOSITE
OPINIONS. OF ALP VOTERS, 61 PERCENT SAID "DON'T SEND FORCES
TO THAILAND", BUT 57 PERCENT OF L-CP VOTERS SAID, "YES, SEND
THEM".

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3. THE RESULTS OF THIS SURVEY WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE

AUSTRALIAN WEEKLY MAGAZINE "THE BULLETIN" ON APRIL 30.

4. FORWARDING BY AIR POUCH COMPLETE DETAILS OF THE
SURVEY.
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